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Mr. Michael Dandurand, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
RCRA Corrective Action & Permits Branch
Air & Waste Management Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219

RE: Semiannual Progress Report
Former Maytag Newton Laundry Products Plant #2 Facility
Newton, Iowa
RCRA ID No. IAD005285689
Docket No. RCRA-07-2010-0012

Dear Mr. Dandurand:

On behalf of Whirlpool Corporation (Whirlpool), and in accordance with Section V. Paragraph 62 of the Administrative Order On Consent, MWH, as the designated supervising contractor, has prepared this Semiannual Progress Report for activities conducted at the former Maytag Newtown Laundry Products Plant #2 Facility (Facility) during the six-month period ending September 30, 2015.

If you have questions regarding the enclosed submittal, please contact me at 515-251-1053.

Sincerely,

Karin H. Wilhelm, PMP
Project Manager

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Enclosures

cc: Robert Karwowski – Whirlpool Corporation

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OCTOBER 2015
MAYTAG CORPORATION
NEWTON LAUNDRY PRODUCTS PLANT #2 FACILITY - NEWTON, IOWA

Activity to be Reported Pursuant to II.F of the SOW	Description of Work Performed or Scheduled
Description of Work Plan activities completed during the reporting period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 8, 2015 – Submittal of Semiannual Progress Report to USEPA. 2. May 6, 2015 – Completion of Spring Groundwater Monitoring Event. 3. June 3, 2015 – Submittal of Data Summary for Spring Groundwater Monitoring Event.
Description of changes made during the reporting period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None.
Summary of contacts, during the reporting period, with representatives of the local community, public interest groups or State government concerning activities at the Facility.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None.
Summary of problems or potential problems encountered during the reporting period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facility access and implementation of environmental covenant initially uncertain due to transfer of Facility property ownership from AG/IRG to Lincoln Investors, LLC (Lincoln Investors) on March 16, 2015, as discovered in May 2015. However, recent developments indicate access is provided through property deed and Lincoln Investors will allow an environmental covenant to be placed on the facility.
Actions being taken to rectify problems.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USEPA Notification. 2. Communication with Lincoln Investors. 3. Extension of Remedy Implementation Work Plan Deadline.
Changes in project coordinator, principal contractor, laboratory, and/or consultant during the reporting period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change in consultant project manager from Brian Broderick to Karin Wilhelm of MWH in May 2015.

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Projected work for the next reporting period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation of Remedy Implementation Work Plan. 2. Implementation of Environmental Covenant on Facility property. 3. Initiate annual groundwater monitoring in accordance with Remedy Implementation Work Plan. 4. Initiate annual site inspection activities in accordance with Remedy Implementation Work Plan. 5. Conduct well abandonment activities in accordance with Remedy Implementation Work Plan.
Other relevant documentation, including, but not limited to copies of laboratory/monitoring data received and/or generated during the reporting period.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. April 20, 2015 – USEPA Notification of Spring Groundwater Monitoring Event. 2. May 26, 2015 – USEPA Notification of Change in MWH Project Manager. 3. June 2, 2015 – USEPA Notification in Property Ownership Transfer. 4. June 3, 2015 – Data Summary for Spring Groundwater Monitoring Event. 5. July 20, 2015 – Request for Remedy Implementation Work Plan Deadline Extension 6. September 21, 2015 – Request for Remedy Implementation Work Plan Deadline Extension
Other activities conducted by the Facility (e.g. project-specific reporting requirements).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued operation of extraction well EW-1. 2. Update of extraction well daily notification distribution list. 3. Preparation of draft evidence of financial assurance. 4. Preparation of draft Environmental Covenant. 5. Preparation of draft Remedy Implementation Work Plan.
Conclusions and Recommendations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued discussions with Lincoln Investors and USEPA to coordinate facility access to complete activities, including implementation of an environmental covenant, in accordance with Remedy Implementation Work Plan.

Notes:

CMI = Corrective Measures Implementation.
SOW = Statement of Work.
USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency.